and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran, etc.

7. Efforts for promoting oil palm cultivation and processing.

8. Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

9. Fiscal incentives in the form of excise rebate for use of certain non-conventional oils in the vanaspati so as to encourage increased exploitation of these sources of oils.

Use of defective weights and measures

2093. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is widespread use of defective weights and measures by traders in Todapur, Inderpuri and J.J. Colony (Inderpuri) and village Dasgarah in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take against such traders in those areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration have reported that since August, 1991 they have conducted a number of inspections/raids in Todapur, Inderpuri, J.J. Colony (Inderpuri) and village Dasgarah and four traders were found using defective weights and measures. Legal action has been initiated against these traders..

Import of palm oil

2094. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate amount of import bill paid annually on import of palm oil;

(b) whether there is a great scope for increasing the production of palm oil in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this behalf ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The CIF value of the import of edible oil made during the last three years has been as under:—

Year (Financial)	CIF value (Rs. in crores)
1988-89	765.16
1989-90	203.60
1990-91	349.95

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Areas suitable for palm cultivation in the country have already been identified and possibility for exploring palm cultivation in the identified areas started. A number of schemes to take up oil palm cultivation during VIII Plan period, namely, setting up of nurseries and front-line demonstration and processing in Karnataka, Oil Palm Seed Garden in Andhra Pradesh, expansion of the capacity of the seed germination at CPCRI, Palode, were sanctioned in 1990-91. One project each for production of palm oil has been blished in Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Import of edible oil

2095. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal of importing edible oil;

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange is to be spent for this purpose;

(c) whether it is also a fact that oilseed growers do not want imports and have suggested that the solvent Extract Industry can bridge the gap between demand and supply; and

(d) if so, why Government are not exploiting its potential?